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**PREFACE.**

**T**O prevent false Sug-  
gestions, it is thought  
fit to give the Rea-  
der an Account, that nothing  
is intended in the following  
**CASE**, to cast the least  
Asperion upon the Honour-  
able *Bench*, to whom Mr.  
**LEESON**

**LEESON** owns himself very much obliged for hearing him with the greatest Candour and Impartiality.

As to the *Jury*, he leaves them to Publick Censure, and submits himself to the Judgment of all Gentlemen and others, from whom he promiseth himself a more favourable Sentence.

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Capt. *Leeson*, &c.

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gracious Reprieve, in order  
to a Pardon, might be  
thought sufficient to vindicate  
Mr. *Leeson*'s Innocence  
of the Crime he has been  
Sentenced to Death for ; and it is not to  
be imagin'd, that if he had been repre-  
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sented Guilty of it to that most excellent Prince, and his Wise and Impartial Council, the Execution of that Sentence wou'd have been remitted him; yet there is such a necessity of clearing up his Character from the foul Aspersions that have been, and will continue, without so doing, to be cast upon him, that it is thought highly proper to set this pretended Rape in a true Light, and to make appear, that, notwithstanding the Gentlemen of the Jury, whose Names shall be hereafter mention'd in due order, were pleas'd to give their Verdict against him, he was so far from committing the Fact which he stands convicted of, that he never offer'd any Violence directly or indirectly to the forsworn Woman, that has endeavour'd to take away his Life, upon no other Grounds but because he did not.

Not that he would hereby be misunderstood, or in the least suspected to Arraign the Justice of the Court, where he had for his Judges four very excellent Persons, the Lord Chief Justice *Parker*, Mr. Justice *Blencoe*, and Mr. Baron *Bury*, with the very Worshipful the Recorder of *London*, Mr. *Thompson*, whom he shall have

have in Esteem and Reverence, for the Favour he did him in his Report to the King and Council, but would give his Friends to understand, that tho' he is so unhappy as to appear a very great Criminal in the Eye of the Law, that he is not to be judg'd as such in the Eye of God, to whom he Appeals, as the Searcher of Hearts, for a Proof of his Innocence in that particular, for which he has been Condemn'd at an Earthly Tribunal.

He is sensible of, and shall ever acknowledge with the utmost Gratitude, the readiness of the Bench to give Ear to any thing alledged in his Justification, and holds himself obliged to say, That no Man would have had a fairer Tryal, had the Jury been as much inclined to believe him Guiltless, as those, before whom they brought him in quite otherwise. How well they deserved to be of an Inquest in Matters of Life and Death, may be known from the Words of one of them, who being ask'd after the Delivery of the Verdict, Why he did not rather chuse to starve the rest of his Brethren into more equitable Sentiments,

timents, than to give his Agreement to it? Reply'd with an Air of Indifference, *He did not think it worth while to differ in Opinion with them, because he knew the Gentleman had such Interest at Court, that he would not die for it.* For which the Captain owes him no Thanks, since he did all that in him lay to make a forfeit of his Life, which had most assuredly been lost, had his Majesty had as little Penetration and Mercy in searching into the Merits of the Cause, as that inconsiderate Jury-man, whom he is very ready to forgive, having so learn'd from his Education, as a Christian, a Gentleman, and a Scholar, notwithstanding he went into such Measures as might have put him out of the reach of Forgiveness.

So much has been thought fit to be premised by way of Introduction; let us now come into the recital of the Fact for which Mr. *Leeson* was Indicted and found Guilty: In order to give the Reader a fair and full account thereof, which cannot be better done, than by inserting the very Words of the *Sessions Paper*, as far as it relates to him; and afterwards, by making such Remarks upon the Evidence

dence against him, as may shew the  
 falsehood of every Particular that has  
 been Sworn against him. The *Sessions*  
*Paper* says, ' That *Hugh Leeson* (without  
 giving him the Title of a Gentleman, tho'  
 known to be an Officer in the Army) and  
 ' *Sarah Blandford* of the Parish of St.  
 ' *Martins in the Fields*, were Indicted, he  
 ' for committing a Rape upon the Body  
 ' of *Mary*, the Wife of *Richard May*, she  
 ' as Accessary, Aiding and Abetting to  
 ' the same, on the 8th of April last:  
 ' Mrs. *May* swore, That her Husband  
 ' had been Arrested by one *Exton*, a  
 ' Bailiff, and kept in his Spunging House  
 ' till he had made up his Business; which  
 ' having done, as they were going along  
 ' the Street together a few days after;  
 ' while she stood talking with a Friend;  
 ' her Husband was gone; and she having  
 ' been inform'd by *Exton*, that there  
 ' was another Action against him, went  
 ' to his House, and ask'd if he was  
 ' brought there, which they denying;  
 ' she desired to see their Prison Rooms;  
 ' and accordingly, that *Blandford*, whose  
 ' Husband is *Exton's* Follower, went up  
 ' along with her, and *Leeson*, who lodges  
 ' in the House, would go with them. Ha

“ving seen a Room or two, she desired  
 “to know if there was not another,  
 “which *Blandford* shew'd her, and as  
 “soon as *Leeson* and she were in toge-  
 “ther, fasten'd the Door, and went away  
 “laughing. As soon as she was gone,  
 “*Leeson* flung her upon the Bed, and  
 “clapping one Hand upon her Mouth,  
 “endeavour'd to force himself between  
 “her Legs, which not being able to do,  
 “he took his Hand from thence, and put-  
 “ting both his Hands to her Privy Parts  
 “behind, did by force enter, and had  
 “Carnal Knowledge of her Body, she  
 “crying out all the while, but no Body  
 “coming to her assistance till it was over,  
 “when *Blandford* open'd the Door laugh-  
 “ing, and said, Captain, you are a Man.  
 “Midwife, I hope you have graped her well;  
 “come, come, Mrs. May, the Captain is a  
 “handsome Man and you are a pretty Wo-  
 “man, and I hope have got a pretty Child.  
 “That then she went down and com-  
 “plained of the Injury done her, and so  
 “went Home, where she told how she  
 “had been used. She produc'd a Witness,  
 “who declared, that when she came  
 “Home, she told her, that she was un-  
 “done for ever, and receiv'd damage in  
 “her

her private Parts; and that she making Inspection, found a Scratch, and the Parts somewhat red, as if Violence had been us'd. Her Mother deposed to the same purpose; and a Surgeon swore, that there was a Scratch and a sort of an Inflammation in those Parts. *Leeson* in his Defence said, That he had never seen *Mrs. May* in his Life before; and that when he went up Stairs with her, it was at her own Request: And to prove this, he brought several Witnesses, who swore she thrust herself into his Company, and would not be quiet till he went up Stairs with her; and when he had been up once, she told him, she believed he was no Man, for if he had, he would have given her something, and therefore she long'd to go with him again, and in a manner, forced him to go; and one swore she heard her say, *Come, Captain, they say you are a Man Midwife, pray feel my Belly*; after which, when they came down Stairs, she sat in his Lap, kiss'd him, and was so very fond, that he grew uneasy and would be gone; and that she seeing him going, would go along with him, and he could not

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be rid of her. There were two Mid-  
 wives swore she had no Damage that  
 they could perceive; and a Surgeon  
 deposed, that she did not seem to have  
 any Damage by a Force, but upon  
 search he found her to be Clap'd; and  
 upon searching *Leeson*, which he had  
 done twice since, he found him very  
 Sound. There were other Witnesses,  
 who said she was a Woman of a Scan-  
 dalous Life, and one swore he heard  
 her Husband tax her with Clapping  
 him. He then brought several Gentle-  
 men who gave him a very good Cha-  
 racter, as to his Behaviour in *Dublin*  
 College, in the Army, and elsewhere.  
*Blandford* had also some, who gave her  
 a good Character. After all which were  
 heard, *May* called Witness to her Re-  
 putation, who gave her the Character  
 of a very Industrious, Honest Woman,  
 amongst whom was a Minister, who  
 Marry'd her to her Husband about  
 Eight years ago, had administer'd the  
 Sacrament to her, and heard among her  
 Neighbours, that she lived a very Ho-  
 nest, Regular Life. The Jury consi-  
 dering the Matter found both the Pri-  
 soners Guilty.

So that the Witnesses on the side of the Persons accused, notwithstanding they had good Characters given of them likewise, were of no manner of use to them, and might as well have stay'd away as appear'd in Court, as this Verdict implies; tho' there are no Objections rais'd here against the Credibility of their respective Evidences, not so much as those who came in behalf of the Woman, much less against those worthy Gentlemen, who were all of them Men of Honour and Figure, and could not be induced to speak any thing contrary to their Knowledge upon any Consideration whatsoever.

We are now come to the second thing propos'd, which is, To make Remarks upon the Evidence given against the Captain and the other, which we shall not find brought by any Persons of Condition or Fortune, but Women of very suspected Characters, as Mrs. May's Mother, whose Employ it is to keep a House for fluxing loose People in Veneral Distempers, and has practis'd upon her own Daughter on the same Account; *Hannah Mactune*, a Shrew that has been Sentenc'd to

to stand in a White Sheet for a common Disturber of her Neighbours in *Piccadilly*; and one *Bryard*, an old Roman Catholick Matron in *Bedfordbury* by *Cavent Garden*, whose Husband is a Journeyman Shoe-maker, and consequently entitles her to an unquestionable Reputation, tho' all she could alledge in Justification of *May's* Character, that she knew her to be a very quiet, orderly Woman when she lived in her Neighbourhood, and that was Seven Years ago, when she had been Marry'd but one Year, and in all probability, had not that Relish for bad Company, which something more than common Report proves her to have since had; nor is Mr. *Perry* the Clergyman's Testimony (with all deference to the Sacred Habit) whatsoever Influence it had upon the Jury, sufficient to absolve her of her scandalous Life, she might rective the Sacrament as she did, in order to put a better gloss upon her Actions; might frequent the Church sometimes, which she did in pursuance of her Mother's Occupation, to bring Bills thither at the Desire of such Patients as were at the last Extremity; and might have several Neighbours to attest for her Conduct;

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and yet all this while be guilty of many vicious Actions. The most abandon'd Prostitute may have these things to plead in Bar of publick Censure; and there are few or none of the worst sort of Women, but on occasion, can bring some Neighbours or other, whom Friendship, and past good Offices incline to speak well of them, tho' the Credit of Affidavit makers ought to be Weigh'd in Ballance against the Attestations of their Accusers. Had this been thoroughly done in her Case, Mr. *Leeson* is apt to believe a more favourable *Verdict* would have been brought in at his; and the Oath of two Midwives and a Surgeon, would have been accounted more Valid, than that of an Infamous Woman, back'd by those of others of the same Character.

That Mrs. *May* was Clapp'd, and Mr. *Leeson* not, appears by the Deposition of a very able Surgeon who Search'd both: Now that the one should be Diseas'd and the other Sound, after they had Carnal Knowledge of each other, is such a Paradox no Man living can Explain, since the Nature of that Distemper is such, as to communicate its Contagion in all Acts of

of Copulation, which the Captain is so far from having had with her, as to declare, that instead of knowing her after the manner of Women, he knows not to this very Hour whether she be a Man or Woman; tho' he must do her the Justice to acknowledge it to be none of her own Fault that he does not, since he had Invitations enough would he have complied with them. In Proof of her addiction to such Venereal Engagements, and her Solicitations to enter into them with others besides him; she is hereby put in Mind of young Mr. *Cheesbrook*, Son to him that keeps a great Inn near *Hyde Park* Corner, whom she has not only been very often Drunk with; but one Evening in particular, as they were taking a Walk together, he importun'd her to give her Husband the slip, that he and she might lie together; accordingly they two did outwalk Mr. *May*, who upon finding them together at the *Tub Tavern* near *St. James's Market*, said, *You Bitch what will you always be Bitching?* And had for Answer *You Pocky Dog get you about your Business.* Upon which the poor Man replied, *If I am Pox'd, you Pox'd me;* and was bid to quit the Room by her, with

With Go you Cuckoldly Rogue, are not you  
asham'd to expose your self after this man-  
ner?

Having given the Reader a Taste of this  
Woman's Virtues, and some insight in-  
to the Characters of the Witnesses that  
appeared in Justification of her honest  
and regular Life, amongst whom it is  
to be observ'd, that the Minister who  
Married her, and is only Reader to Dr.  
Clark, gives his Evidence by hearsay.  
Proceed we in the next place, to other  
Circumstances, that will plainly make  
appear, that if she was known Carnally,  
which the Person condemn'd altogether  
denies, that knowledge must have been  
obtain'd by her own Consent, and not  
by Force: Can any Man or Woman of  
tolerable Understanding be induced to  
believe, that a little Man as the Captain  
is, not above Five Foot Six Inches in  
height, could so manage a Woman of no  
small Size, and of Thirty five Years of  
Age, as by putting both his Hands to her  
Privy Parts behind, to enter her Body with-  
out her Concurrence, since her Hands  
were left entirely at her Liberty to  
make Resistance, as her Mouth was to

cry out had she thought fit to give it that Employment? And it is very natural for her Sex to exert themselves in their own Defence when Violence is done contrary to their Inclinations, and to leave some Marks of their Displeasure upon the Persons that Attack them by Scratches, &c. But here was no other Token of her being any ways enraged with the Captain, than her Derision of him, for not being a Man, and not giving her something when up Stairs with her; not so much as the least disorder or ruffle in his Wig or Cravat upon his coming down again to Mrs. Exton, insomuch, that it is given upon Oath, *That she sat in his Lap, kiss'd him, and was very fond of him afterwards, to such a Degree as to make Mr. Leeson uneasy, and to quit the Room.* After she had given him Invitations to feel her Belly in the Bed Chamber, which was so far from having a Lock or Staple to it, that during the time of his lying in it, it never had any thing like it, and of consequence could not be fasten'd, as alledged in Print; nor tho' Blandford might leave them together, is the Act of Uncleaness said to be committed during her Absence, the natural

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Consequence of it, notwithstanding she might suppose something more than ordinary done, and that he had laid hold of the opportunity that was given him of satiating her Lust, which she gave pregnant Proofs by her Desires to have him *feel her Belly*, and might on that account say, *Captain, you are a Man Midwife, I hope you have, &c.* as in the Printed Tryal; because a Man and a Woman may be in a Room together longer than two Minutes, which was the utmost of the time they were left, the Mistress of the House being uneasy that they were at all so left, and yet have no such Dealing together; and there was not one Person in the House that heard Mrs. May cry out, which they would, had she done it as she swears she did, there being several besides *Blandford* or her Mistress.

Thus far it has been thought to go by way of Observation on the Relations in Print concerning Mr. *Leeson*, and the Crime he and the Person Convicted with him have been brought in Guilty of; we shall now give the Detail of what was spoken by him in his Defence, after he had produced abundance of Men of Quality,

lity, and Gentlemen of Condition and  
 Letters, who were well acquainted with  
 his manner of Behaviour in the Army,  
 the University, and elsewhere. He told  
 the Gentlemen of the Jury, ' That he  
 ' hoped that there was little need of say-  
 ' ing much to them, after the Evidence  
 ' he had procur'd to invalidate the Te-  
 ' stimonies which had been brought on  
 ' the part of the Prosecutor, had been  
 ' so full and ample, and doubted not  
 ' but they would be pleas'd to distin-  
 ' guish between the Persons that had ap-  
 ' pear'd in his Behalf, and those who  
 ' came into the Court in Vindication of  
 ' the Accuser, since there was a vast  
 ' difference between their respective  
 ' Characters; and it was one thing to  
 ' have undeniable Proofs brought in a-  
 ' gainst one by undeniable Witnesses of  
 ' a continued pursuit of Evil Courses in  
 ' a Libidinous way of Life; and another  
 ' to have his Conduct attested almost  
 ' from his Cradle to that very time, to  
 ' be Honourable and Praise-worthy:  
 ' To which Mr. *Leeson* added, That he  
 ' thank'd God his Inclinations had little  
 ' or no bent to the Sin of Uncleanness,  
 ' and declar'd, that had he been prone  
 ' to

to it, the Woman, whom he stood in Judgment there for committing a Rape upon, would have been the last in his Thoughts, as being old and disagreeable, and no way capable of exciting any thing like desire of Enjoyment in a Man, who he might, without Vanity say, had in his Power to make Application, and not without Success, to those of her Sex that were more amiable and engaging.

He further urged, that could he have been prevail'd with to part with a Sum of Money to stifle the Prosecution, he had never been brought to that Bar in the quality of a Ravisher and Deflorer of Innocent Women; and that even that Consideration might be of weight with them in whose Hands his Continuance in this World or his Departure from it was wholly placed, since Judgment was to be given by the Court according to their Determination.

After which he summ'd up the Evidence which had been given for, and against him, and very succinctly charg'd his Memory with every parti-

" collar that had been offer'd for, and  
 " against him, insisting very much on  
 " what had been alledged in reference  
 " to the Prosecutor and her Mother, de-  
 " siring them to look well upon the first,  
 " and consider with themselves, whe-  
 " ther one of his Stature and inconfide-  
 " rate Appearance, was fit for such an  
 " act of Violence and Strength, as the  
 " Ravishment of so Robust and Sanguine  
 " a Woman as she was, that had given  
 " Evidence before, whom it was a very  
 " great Question, if one of twice the  
 " Strength as he was endued with, could  
 " Master, after the way she made men-  
 " tion of?

" Then he concluded by telling the  
 " Court, he would act with the greatest  
 " Ingenuity, in laying the Truth of the  
 " whole Procedure between him and the  
 " Woman, and would take up no more  
 " of their time, than what was necessary  
 " for it to be done in: The Sum and  
 " Substance of which Confession was,  
 " That he had been a Prisoner at Exton's  
 " the Bailiffs, where the Fact was said  
 " to be committed, for some time in an  
 " Action of Debt, and tho' discharged  
 " of

of it, by making Satisfaction with his  
 Creditor, continued to lie there till  
 he had made ~~Even~~ the amends he  
 design'd him, for uncommon Civilities  
 of Men of his Profession : That while  
 he was there, this Woman's Husband  
 had been likewise in Custody at the  
 same House, which she frequented du-  
 ring his Abode there, whereby she con-  
 tracted a Sort of Acquaintance with  
 the Master and Mistress of it, and  
 came as he was told, for he never  
 exchange'd one Word with her before  
 the 8th of April last past, the Day  
 mention'd in the Indictment, that up-  
 on that Day the Prosecutor came, and  
 seeing him below Stairs, desired him  
 to treat her, which he readily did  
 with what the House afforded. Here-  
 upon she struck into his Acquaintance  
 with a very good Assurance, which  
 she was in no sort of want of, and was  
 for seeing the Rooms above, which  
~~Blandford~~ was order'd to show her, but  
 she said the Captain should go up with  
 them, and was very importunate with  
 him to do so, telling him, That sure  
 he was not afraid to venture himself  
 with a Woman. That hereupon he  
 did

Did go up with her, where all that  
 pass'd between them was a bare salute,  
 which he then could have wish'd he  
 had not taken from her, it being none  
 of the best savour'd on her part, but  
 very noisom: That upon her rallying  
 him for *being no Man*, as had been a-  
 verr'd before, he was perswaded to go  
 up Stairs with her once more, when  
 she went into the Chamber he lay in,  
 and setting down upon his Bed, with  
 a very impudent Air, that shock'd him  
 very much, and caus'd *Blandford* to go  
 out of the Room, cry'd, *Captain, I*  
*hear you are an excellent Man Midwife,*  
*pray feel my Belly,* which very much  
 added to Mr. *Lefson's* surprize, who  
 could not but bless for her: That  
*Blandford* was not absent two Minutes,  
 but came up again from her Mi-  
 stress, who was Angry with her for  
 leaving them together, where they  
 did nothing further, but at her Re-  
 quest, agreed to meet at the *Standard*  
*Tavern* the next Morning: That at  
 their return to the Company below,  
 she shew'd no Tokens of Discontent  
 or Concern for any thing like ill usage  
 above, where there was neither Lock  
 nor

nor Bolt to the Chamber in which she  
 fate upon the Bed ; and that while she  
 continued there, she did not only sit  
 in his Lap, kiss him, and play with his  
 Neckcloth and Peruke ; but upon his  
 uneasiness for her so doing, and offer-  
 ing to quit the Company, which he,  
 to be rid of her actually did, endea-  
 vour'd to follow him ; that upon his  
 not meeting her at the Hour appoint-  
 ed and Tavern before mention'd, she  
 grew incens'd, and took a Resolu-  
 tion of forming that horrid Design a-  
 gainst his Life, which she had then put  
 in Execution ; and by the Advice of  
 her Mother and other Persons of the  
 like Complexion, got a Warrant from  
 Mr. Justice St. Lee, which was served  
 upon him by one Seager soon after ;  
 whereupon he was bound over to ap-  
 pear at that Bar, where he was then  
 under Prosecution for his Life, that  
 very worthy Magistrate, being at the  
 very time he took the Recognizance,  
 induc'd to believe the Innocence of  
 the accused, from the unparellel'd  
 Assurance she that pretended to have a  
 Rape committed on her, shew'd in the  
 reci-

recital of it, which he had Reason to hope would have the same Effect upon the Jury, before whom she had given the like Proofs of want of all Modesty and Shame.

But the Jury had other Sentiments, and chose rather to give Credit to the Accusers than the Persons accused; so that notwithstanding the Bench, whose Candid and Impartial way of Procedure, shall always be had in grateful Remembrance by the Captain and the poor Woman, whom the Verdict was brought in against, did every thing that became Gentlemen to whose high Station it belong'd to weigh and preponderate what had been alledged for, and against the Prisoner at the Bar, by a very fair Representation of all the Particulars of the Tryal. However they were brought in Guilty of the Indictment, and were doom'd to suffer Death as in the like Capital Cases.

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What rests upon the Captain after this Treatment, which he shall not call hard, in respect to the Judges who were under a necessity of abiding by the Verdict given into Court by Men that were upon their Oaths to do Justice; nor in respect to the Jury, who he hopes went according to the Dictates of their Consciences, whatsoever has been said of one of them in the foregoing Relation, is in the last place, (after giving the World to understand) that the Complainant herself, the wicked Woman, for the Rape of whose Chastity he stands convicted, desired the Jurors to bring in a favourable Verdict relating to him, and only to find *Blandford* Guilty, whom she had an irreconcilable interest against; and when Sentence was pass'd upon them, sent to let him know she would beg his Life for a Premium of Fifty Pound, to Appeal to his Friends that have had any knowledge of him during his being a Man of any Conversation in the World, whether they have ever found any Tendency in him, towards such a Beastly and Ungentleman-like Action as this, of  
which

which he has been Accused and Convicted, and must have suffer'd Death for, as the worst of Criminals, had not his Majesty's most gracious Clemency put a stop to it, through the kind Offices of those who thought him not unworthy of the Royal Clemency, interpos'd in Arrest of Execution: And since he has the Honour to be nearly related to Persons of good Condition, not only in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, but in this, where it is his Misfortune and Unhappiness, after a Behaviour in the University and in the Army, which has been so well attested at his Tryal, as to challenge the Gainsaying of his most inveterate Enemies, who may give into a belief of his Guilt, from the Honour and Regard to Truth, which is generally profess'd by *English* Juries, he has held himself under the necessity of setting forth his Innocence, by declaring what has been related in a true State of his Case.

He little thought that there could be in Being, such a Monster of a Woman, for whose Sex he has always profess'd  
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the highest Regard, exclusive of any  
 precious Consideration, on account of  
 the Beauties of the Mind as well as  
 the Body, which the generality of our  
 British Ladies, who are eminently fam'd  
 for the practice of all Christian Vertues,  
 and much less that he should be brought  
 into Judgment, for committing an Acti-  
 on, which no Mans Soul has a greater  
 Abhorrence of than his. But since God  
 has been pleas'd to call him to a closer  
 pursuit of his Duties, he is oblig'd to  
 discharge, as a Christian, and one that has  
 been brought up by his Parents in all  
 Godly Fear, by this unexpected Visita-  
 tion, and his Relations, amongst whom  
 one is a shining Ornament of the Church  
 by Law Establish'd, may partake of the  
 Scandal of his Sentence, and in some  
 manner share in the Reproaches that  
 attend it: He has disburthen'd himself  
 of every thing that his Memory was  
 charg'd with, concerning his pretended  
 Crime, and absolv'd his Conscience after  
 this manner, in hopes that all and every  
 one of them, who may receive any In-  
 jury from the Cognizance of it in the  
 Kingdom, where he has had the Honour

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and

and Advantage of being Born and Educated, will entertain a favourable Opinion of their Kinsman, who has only run the risque of being thought Guilty, by avoiding to be really so.

As to others, who have any Personal Knowledge or Acquaintance with him, and was not present at his Tryal to take a View of the Prosecutor, He declares in the presence of God and Man, and in expectance of a just Reward in the World to come, if he speaks otherwise than Truth, That he is, not Conscious to himself of any one Falshood that has been inserted in this Case; which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of his Friends and Enemies, that the one may abide by their Sentiments in his Favour, and the other remove the Prejudices they may have too rashly entertain'd against him.

And as to those that know the Woman, who now since she cannot have his Blood, nor any Satisfaction in Lieu of the pretended Robbery committed against

against her Modesty, threatens him with an Action at Law for Damages, which he shall readily submit to in any of the Courts of *Westminster Hall*, when he shall be releas'd from the Place of his present Confinement. He Appeals to them, after all that they have been pleas'd to urge in Vindication of her, whether it is possible that he could be so far at his last Prayers for the possession of a Mistress, as to incur the hazards of a Tryal for Life, for hers, which he doubts not, when within Smell, will be as ungrateful to them as it has been to him?

Finally, He leaves his Request with this flagrant Professor of the vilest Impieties herself, that she would at last do that Justice to God and the World, whom she has so scandalously abus'd by Acts of Concupiscence, back'd with the Sin of Perjury, to take Shame to herself, and before it be too late, make some amends for the irreparable Injury she has done him, in blasting a Reputation, that shall ever by him be held of equal value with his Life, in an ample Confession of it.

**MIDDLESEX Jury.**

<b>Giles Riddle, Gent.</b>	<b>John Curtis,</b>
<b>William Strode,</b>	<b>Thomas Pridy,</b>
<b>Thomas Bavand,</b>	<b>Edward Prior,</b>
<b>Francis Kairnes,</b>	<b>George Barnes,</b>
<b>Jeremy Lewin,</b>	<b>Richard Hazard,</b>
<b>Bruce Randal,</b>	<b>William Clements.</b>

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**Mr. James Roberts**  
near the **Oxford-Arms**  
in **Warwick-lane.**

May the 12th, 1715.

S I R,

**A** S I am a Friend to that  
worthy Gentleman Captain  
*Leeson*, I think my self  
in Honour oblig'd to acquaint  
you, That this Day a Surgeon  
of particular Note came to me,  
and

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and has been with several  
others, and declared, That he  
Fluxed Mrs. May twice; and on  
of the Judicious Jury declared  
before Mr. Smith and Mr. Jefferies  
in the Old Bailey, That they  
found him Guilty, because they  
were sure his Majesty would Par-  
don him.

Mr. James Roberts  
I desire that this may be ta-  
ken Notice of, and I am sure  
the Captain will be very grate-  
ful.

Yours,

May the 12th, 1792.

Sir,  
I am a Friend to that  
worthy Gentleman Captain  
Leson, I think my self  
in Honour oblig'd to recom-  
mend you, That this Day a Surgeon  
of particular Note came to me,  
and